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# DAINBOW GARDENS, INC. 

IMPORTERS AND GROWERS OF CHOICE Hardy Perennials, Bulbs and Flowering Shrubs

including peonies, IRISES, Phloxes, delphiniums, tulips, gladiolus, etc.

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## ROOTS AND BULBS FOR FALL PLANTING

In sending this Fall Supplement we extend to our customers our sincere thanks for their previous favors and we solicit their future business. We also thank any customer, whose shipment was delayed this spring, for his forbearance until delivery could be made.

While we used some twenty-five tons of hay and straw for covering last winter, nevertheless where the wind blew it off we lost quite heavily, and as other growers throughout the country had similar experiences, we had difficulty in replenishing, which caused a delay in making some shipments. However, we have fully replenished our stock, and have added new vafieties and in many cases have reduced our prices so that many of the newer varieties can now be obtained at very reasonable prices. Furthermore, our customers are assured that the stock we ship them this fall will be of fine quality, and that we are fully equipped so that all orders will have prompt and careful attention. We call your attention to winter covering on the last page of this Supplement.

Late summer and fall is the best time to plan and plant your home grounds. Weather con-i ditions are more favorable and less changeable, and there is more time and opportunity to chango and transplant, keeping. what is best and discarding the inferior, and filling in with the newer varieties, keeping in mind that perennials properly selected and planted give a permanent contour to your grounds as well as an added value to your home.

Perennials such as Irises, Peonies, Delphiniums, and Phloxes, when planted in the fall give best results and assure vigorous growth when spring comes. Tulips, of course, must be planted in the fall. They arrive from Holland the latter part of September and may be planted throughout October and up to the time the ground freezes. Tulips are the first flowers to bloom in the spring. and no garden is complete without them.

Irises which give us the finest flowers during May, June and July may be planted any time after July 20 (At which time we begin shipping) until frost in November, the earlier the better, however, to assure root growth before the cold weather sets in. Peonies, Phloxes, Delphiniums and other hardy perennials may be planted in September and October and right up until the ground freezes in November. The peonies give us their beautiful flowers throughout June and the early part of July; the Delphiniums their gorgeous flowers during June, July and August, and Phloxes, one of the finest fall perennials, bloom throughout July, August and up to the heavy frosts.

Gladiolus are planted in the spring and flower during July, August and September. We invite our customers to come and see our exhibition of varieties in our Gardens during August and September and make their selection of colors and varieties they desire for next year. Shrubs will be delivered in late September and October and until the ground freezes in November.

We have added some fine new varieties of perennials in this supplement and have reduced prices on many of them, so that a collection of any of the varieties we carry may be had for a very reasonable sum. Please note our Special Collections hereinafter referred to.

We trust to hear from you and to receive your further orders, and if there is any help or suggestions we can give you for your garden if you will ask us we will be glad to do what we can for you.

## PEONIES

Our Peonies are high rated, fine and satisfactory and have been selected by us as outstanding in colors, profusion of bloom, sturdiness, fragrancy and good keeping quality, as well as being adapted for growing in any part of the United States. We desire to emphasize the fact that Peonies are the hardiest of the perennials in our colder climate, as they not only withstand our severe winters but seem to thrive on them and need no covering whatever, after the first year.

We have some fine roots to offer our customers this fall. It is well to plant as many Peonies as is possible so that you will have flowers throughout the month of June and early July. This can be done by planting early, mid-season and late varieties of the different colors. There is nothing attracts so much attention and beautifies the home grounds as a beautiful assortment of Peonies.

In shipping Peonies to our customers we are not only careful to send correct stock, but also in sending strong three to five eye divisions, rather than the two to three eye divisions now often offered, assuring a larger root and practically a year's start in development.

Price changes on certain of our Peonies in effect July 20, 1930. Customers from whom we have
received orders for any of the following for fall delivery will be given the benefit of reduction in prices.
Alsace Lorraine
\$ 2.50
Philippe Rivoire ............................................-. $\$ 12.00$
Brand's Magnificent ....................................................... 2.00
Elizabeth Barrett Browning ..................... 3.50
Fanny Crosby ......................................................... 2.50
Frances Willard
Martha Bullock2.50
We also list the following additional fine varieties of Japanese Peonies:
Alma (Shaylor) 8.5 Pale pink petals inclosing a mass of incurved yellow petaloids. A fine Japanese Peony
Primivere ...................................................................................... 2.50
Reine Hortense ............................................. 1.50
Rosa Bonheur ............................................... 2.50
Sarah Bernhardt ........................................ 1.50
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Fuyajo (Jap.) 9.2. Very beautiful. A single row of rich dark mahogany red petals sur-
round a full center of broad petaloids of the same dark rich color
Tokio (Jap.) 8.9 Tall, strong stems with and abundance of dark green foliage. Large flowers of rose pink petals and a thick mass of incurved stamens. One of the best Japanese pinks, 6.00
Your attention is especially called to our Collections of F, G, H, I, and J, of Peonies as listed on page 22 of our catalog, all made up of fine varieties and in each of which collections we allow you to substitute two varieties for other varieties of the same price per root.

## IRISES

We have some fine vigorous roots to offer this year. Our prices are based on strong roots of stock true to name which should flower the next flowering season. Irises can be planted right up to the time the ground freezes, the earlier the better. We advise a good covering of marsh hay or straw in colder climates. All our varieties being hardy for Minnesota are adaptable for all parts of the United States. In addition to those listed in our Catalog we can also furnish the varieties listed below, viz:

## Tall Bearded

Amber (Dykes). A very striking fine, strong growing pure deep yellow self color, with a prominent reddish gold beard. A magnificent, prize winning yellow. 36 in. ......................... $\$ 1.50$
Ahprodite (Dykes). The best violet pink. Large size, perfect flowers. S. and F. being a pure bright violet pink self. A very tall, vigorous grower. Very fragrant. 54 in. ................. 2.00
Frieda Mohr (Mohr). A pink bicolor with light pinkish lilac standards and deep lilac rose falls. One of the very finest Irises in existence. Very large. 48 in.
Labor (Cayeux). An absolutely new color. Dark velvet heliotrope, nearly a self, the falls being a shade deeper than the standards. Color effect is a burnished red copper and is wonderfully beautiful. Very large flowers on stout stems. 36 in .
Imperator (Cayeux). A strong growing vigorous iris with very large flowers; S. light red. F. Deep velvety rose red. Throat reticulated red brown. General effect from a distance is a deep rich red. 32 in .
Mme. Cecile Bouscant (Millet). A lovely shade of orchid pink with a slight flush of blue in the center of the falls which gives it its unique orchid shade. One of the very finest of Irises
Peerless (Dykes). A magnificent enormous fower of brilliant coloring giving the effect of of rich glowing light mahogany red. S. $31 / 2$ inches long and 3 inches wide, of light reddish violet. F. $41 / 2$ inches long and 3 inches wide of rich, deep, velvety, glowing red with bronze reticulations. Beard rich gold. One of the largest, finest, and most beautiful of Irises, 38 in .8 .00

## New Siberian Irises

Red Emporer (Cleveland). Wine red, veined and shaded blue ............................................................ 1.50
Skylark. Exquisite blue, white edge; tall graceful stems ....................................................................................... 50
Sunnybrook. Exquisite shade of Alice Blue ............................................................................................................................. . 50

## Beardless Irises, Section 3

Versicolor Rosea. A striking red form of our native Iris. Fine for water gardens ................ . 50
Price changes on certain of our Irises in effect July 20. Customers from whom we have received orders for any of the following for fall delivery will be given the benefit of reduction in prices.
Asia ..................................................................... $\$ 1.00$
Mrs. Marion Cran.................................................. $\$ 20$

Branty Penge .............................................................. . 35
Brandywine ............................................... . 75 Phyllis Bliss .................................................. . . 50
Juniata 25c, 3 for .-...................................... . 60 Prospero ................................................................ . 50

Marsh Marigold ............................................ . 35 Virginia Moore ............................................... . 35
Mary Orth ................................................................................... . 75
Zada ..................................................................................... 1.00
Madam de Sevigne ......................................... . . 50
Mons. Oliver Perthius .................................. . . 50
Siberian-
Perry's Blue 50c, 3 for ................................. 1.25
Morning Splendor ..................................................... 1.50
Please note our Special Collections A, B, C, D, and E of Irises on Page 22 of our catalog. which are made up of fine varieties. To these we have added two collections of exceptionally good named varieties, and of which we can send you fine stock, viz:

Collection R, 1 each of the following eleven varieties, viz:
Ambassadeur, Dream, Lent A. Williamson, Lord of June, Magnifica, Mother of Pearl, Prospero, Dusky Maid, Seminole, Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau and Perry's Blue, (Siberian), List price $\$ 6.25$ for

Substitution for not over two varieties for other varieties listed by us of the same price per root may be made in this collection.

Collection S, 1 each of twenty-five named varieties, all colors, and comprised of fine varieties of the value of from 50 c to $\$ 2.00$ each, list price $\$ 18.00$ or over

This is made up of more expensive varieties than those in Collection C in our catalog and is an exceptionally fine collection.

## PHLOXES

All varieties of Phloxes offered on page 15 of our catalog will be found beautiful and satisfactory and will flower for a long period of time. The best effect can be obtained by planting three or more of a color in different parts of the garden, which will give bloom from June 20 until late fall. Customers are cordially invited to come and see our Phloxes which will be in bloom during July and August. Shipment of roots are made in September and October.

## DELPHINIUM

We have some very fine Delphinium this year and have had a heavy sale of them. Our Chinense and Chinense Alba are fine for Rock and Water Garden use. Our Belladonna and Bellamosa are fine light blue and dark blue varieties, and our English Hybrids of which we carry both the "Wrexhan" and "Pride of Puget Sound" varieties are in many different beautiful shades, as stated in our catalog, and for which there has been a very heavy demand. We can send out some nice roots of all of these varieties this fall.

## GLADIOLUS

Our Gladiolus were planted late and will be in flower at their best from and after August 10 until heavy frost in September and our customers are cordially invited to come and see our different varieties in bloom to enable them to select for next year.

Our soil and climate is particularly adaptable for the growing of large and sound Gladiolus bulbs which have always given satisfaction to our customers.

We will begin shipping Gladiolus bulbs for fall delivery about November 1, as stated in our Catalog. See our Special Collections in our Catalog.

## GAZING GLOBES

Something new for your Gardens. Hand made. Finest polished. Sealed air tight. Absolutely climate proof. Increases the size and beauty of your Garden $100^{c} \%$. For sale at the following prices:
8 inches in Diameter.................................................................................................................................... 8.00

12 inches in Diameter .................................................................................................................................. 15.00

Pedestals for Globes are $\$ 15.00$ each, and if desired, add to the price of globe desired as above.
Prices are F. O. B. Farmington. Sample on display at our gardens.

## FERTILIZER

It is well to use a liberal amount of Fertilizer during the fall, working it into the soil around the plants. We carry "Bonemeal" which takes the sourness out of the soil, and our "Rainbow Gardens Fertilizer" which contains the necessary proportions of nitrogen, phosphate and potash to feed the root, stem and flower, also contains Bonemeal and also tobacco which is a good preventitive of germs in the soil. Both are sold at $10 \mathrm{lbs} .60 \mathrm{c} ; 25 \mathrm{lbs} ., \$ 1.25 ; 50 \mathrm{lbs} ., \$ 2.00 ;$ and 100 lbs., $\$ 3.85$; all F.O.B. Farmington. Both fertilizers are good for bulbs, roots, lawns and shrubbery.

## TULIPS

Tulips must be planted in the fall from late September up to the time the ground freezes, for spring flowers. We import our bulbs from Holland, filling our orders as soon as the bulbs arrive, which is usually the latter part of September. Our tulips have proved very satisfactory and we have received many favorable comments on them from our customers.

The early Single and Early Double Tulips are the first to bloom in the spring, followed by the Breeder and Darwin Tulips. The Early Tulips are the harbingers of spring. Their appearance in their varied and beautiful colors are a great source of joy and happiness. They not only beautify the garden, but are also good for cutting.

The Breeder Tulips are wonderful creations of rare color tones distinguished particularly for blended hues of rich bronze, purple and terra cotta shades. Their artistic appearance, long strong stems and easy manner for either indoor or outdoor growing have made them very popular.

The Darwin Tulips are wonderful large single bowl-shaped self-colored flowers, tall and sturdy, sometimes growing to a height of 40 inches. They range in all colors from white through pinks, rose shades, reds and violets.

Outdoor Culture. The best plan is to remove the soil entirely from the bed to a depth of six inches, then spread a half inch layer of sand over the new surface and set the bulbs evenly spaced, usually about four inches apart, and then replace the top soil, using care not to disturb the bulbs. This insures even flowering. Tulips can also be planted along the edges of your flower and shrubbery beds where they make a very pleasing effect and need not be disturbed for three of four years.

After the ground freezes be sure and cover the bed with six inches of straw or hay and remove same gradually when spring comes. We do not advise the use of leaves as a covering. Many lost their Tulips last winter through using leaves.

## TULIPS—CONTINUED

Holland prices on named varieties of Tulips are so unstable and so at variance this year that we are offering in this Supplement only our wellknown Collections of Mixed Varieties, which you will find to be well mixed with fine varieties. Also, the duty on tulips had been raised to $\$ 6.00$ per 1000 , and freight rates have also been considerably increased.

Six bulbs will be furnished at dozen rate, 25 at the 100 rate. Postage prepaid on bulb orders of $\$ 1.00$ or more. We sell only fine, large size bulbs.


## LILIUM CANDIDUM (Ascension or Madonna Lily)

A fine large white lily known ever since the middle ages as the Madonna Lily, one of the most beautiful for the garden. They make a wonderful showing in a perennial border or near pergolas and are especially fine amongst beds of Delphinium. They are a great attraction in any garden.

Culture: Plant the bulbs in four inches or soil, surrounding the bulb with sand and placing it somewhat on its side. In colder climates cover with a heavy covering of marsh hay or straw. Although growing to perfection in the open they will grow well also in a somewhat shady location. Six bulbs sold at dozen rate. Postage prepaid on orders of one dollar or more of our bulbs.

Fine large bulbs, 40 c each; $\$ 4.00$ per dozen.
For Regal and Tiger Lillies, also delivered in the fall, see catalog.
SHRUBS
See our Catalog. Our Shrubs are proving very satisfactory.

## COVERING PERENNIALS FOR WINTER

Losses from winter freezing may well be attributed to either no covering or insufficient covering. We advise covering every perennial, lilies and tulips in our colder climates, with from four to six inches of hay or straw, placing same on beds after the ground freezes in November, and not removing it until the severe spring frosts are over. Peonies need only be covered the first winter, as roots are not then sufficently established to prevent heaving.

We do not advocate the use of leaves for covering, unless placed over a quantity of hay or straw. Many of our customers lost their stock of perennials and particularly Tulips, Lillies, Irises and Phloxes from using leaves as a covering last winter. If you can, obtain wild hay which is longer than straw and has less seed and can be purchased at any feed store.

